

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/954,494

Amendment F AND REQUEST FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

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**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration of the Office Action of December 22, 2003, is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Applicant filed Amendment E on May 17, 2004. Unfortunately, as of today, the scanning department has not forwarded Amendment E to the Examiner for his review.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enters Amendment E filed May 17, 2004, prior to the entering of the present Amendment.

In view of the imminent approaching of the end of the Six Months' Statutory Period to respond to the Final Office Action of December 22, 2003, and in order to avoid abandonment of the application, a RCE is being filed herewith so Applicants' Amendments E and F may be timely entered and formally considered by the Examiner.

In addition, Applicant is requesting a telephone interview with the Examiner prior to the issuance of the First Office Action on this case.

Furthermore, in view of the arguments presented in Amendment E, the claim amendment of Amendments E and F, and the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 filed with Amendment E, withdrawal of the rejections, favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.